

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An apparatus for setting environment of a client in a client/server system, said apparatus comprising:

5 a unit recognizing that replacement of a hard disk of a client is performed; and
a unit that installs data, which is backed up from said hard disk provided in said client before the replacement thereof and subsequently and preliminarily
10 stored in a server, in response to the replacement thereof onto a hard disk provided in said client after the replacement thereof.

2. The apparatus for setting the environment of a client in a client/server system according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of kinds of data are prepared in said server as the backed-up data, wherein one of the plurality of kinds of data is selected, and wherein the selected one kind of data is then installed in said client.

20 3. The apparatus for setting the environment of a client in a client/server system according to claim 2, wherein the selected one kind of data is data backed up in the environment just before the replacement.

4. The apparatus for setting the environment of a client in a client/server system according to claim 2, wherein the selected one kind of data is data backed up in the environment at the time of initially setting said client.

25 5. The apparatus for setting the environment of a client in a client/server system according to claim 4, wherein an application program included in the data, which is backed up in the environment at the time of initially setting said client, is updated to the latest version thereof until the replacement of said hard disk.

30 35 6. The apparatus for setting the environment of a client in a client/server system according to one of claims 1 to 5, wherein said server has a unit keeping a

log of processing performed on said client.

7. The apparatus for setting the environment of a client in a client/server system according to one of claims 1 to 6, wherein said client periodically sends document data to said server.

5 8. A method for setting the environment of a client in a client/server system, said method comprising the steps of:

10 recognizing that replacement of a hard disk of a client is performed; and

15 installing data, which is backed up from said hard disk provided in said client before the replacement thereof and subsequently and preliminarily stored in a server, in response to the replacement thereof onto a hard disk provided in said client after the replacement thereof.

9. A computer readable program recording medium for recording a program causing a computer to set the environment of a client in a client/server system, said medium recording a program causing a computer to perform the steps of:

20 recognizing that replacement of a hard disk of a client is performed; and

25 installing data, which is backed up from said hard disk provided in said client before the replacement thereof and subsequently and preliminarily stored in a server, in response to the replacement thereof onto a hard disk provided in said client after the replacement thereof.